Alleged withholding of the teachers' salaries by the Sankari Taluk Board.

*713 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints were received by the hon. Minister from the Rev. Mr. Whitney and also from the District Educational Officer, Salem, that the school teachers under the Sankari Taluk Board have not received their pay for months together;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than four months' pay has yet to be paid to the teachers; and

(c) whether he has ascertained the cause for the withholding of the pay and whether he proposes to take steps to withhold payment of grants to this board if matters are not rectified within a stated time?

A.—(a) & (b) The Director of Public Instruction has received complaints from the District Educational Officer, Salem, on the subject.

(c) The matter is under examination.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know, with reference to answer to clause (c), how long it will take for the Director of Public Instruction to come to a decision in this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I cannot say exactly the time it will take."

Alleged refusal of admission to Adi-Dravida boys into the Taluk Board school, Nadupatti.

*714 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravida boys of Nadupatti village (Sankari Taluk Board) were refused admission into the Taluk Board school of the village;

(b) whether the villagers complained to the District Educational Officer;

(c) whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer has replied that the school will be shifted to some other place; and

(d) what steps have been taken in connexion with this matter by the President, Taluk Board, and the District Educational Officer?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) A building which will be accessible to Adi-Dravidas is to be erected for the school.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to answer (d), may I know how long it will take to complete the building?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I think that the building will be completed at the end of the next financial year."